

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 266

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eugene E. "Gene" Davidson upon his selection as Member of the Year by the Springfield/Robertson County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have performed their duties with remarkable and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Eugene E. "Gene" Davidson is one such distinguished leader who is being honored on April 5, 2007, by the Springfield/Robertson County Chamber of Commerce as Member of the Year for his exemplary service to the citizens of Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davidson's illustrious career in the House of Representatives spanned sixteen terms, ending in November of 2006; he served his constituents of the 66th House District and his native Robertson County in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to address every Legislative issue fairly; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-two years in the House of Representatives (89th through 104th General Assemblies), he was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a highly respected education expert and farmer, Mr. Davidson was a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee (103rd and 104th General Assemblies) and Chairman of the House Education Committee (95th through 101st General Assemblies) and also serving as a member of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the Joint Select Committee on Education, Majority Whip during the 89th General Assembly, Assistant Majority Leader of the 90th through 93rd General Assemblies and Majority Leader of the 102nd General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his fourteen years as Chairman of the House Education Committee, Gene Davidson provided astute leadership to Tennessee in formulating and shaping educational policy, working with purpose and conviction to improve our primary, secondary and higher education systems; he was instrumental in the development and passage of the Basic Education Program in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Gene Davidson is a person who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of leadership and citizenship; Mr. Davidson has generously donated his time and energies to many community, civic, professional and governmental organizations, including the Robertson County Laymen's Club, Adams Men's Club, Springfield/Robertson County Chamber of Commerce, March of Dimes, Springfield Jaycees, Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Kentucky Thresherman's Association, the Robertson County Red Cross and active membership in the Adam's United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Gene Davidson continues his service to mankind through his involvement as a partner in DSF, Inc., a family corporate farming operation which dates back to its beginnings in the late 1700's, and has grown to include over 20,000 acres of row crops, grain elevator and beef cattle operation. Together with his wife, Debbie, his son, Jonathan, and other family members, the Davidson-Seely Farms operation continues the heritage of an industry that is the backbone of this great State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davidson should be recognized for his noble commitment to his Lord and fellow Tennesseans, he should be specially recognized for his prolific tenure on Capitol Hill, his considerable talents and energies, and his lasting legacy to the good people of Robertson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Representative Eugene E. "Gene" Davidson upon his selection as the Springfield/Robertson County Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Year, as we pay tribute to Mr. Davidson's meritorious service, countless contributions, and many good works in service to the citizens of his native Robertson County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

